

Rhode Island Department of Education Data Collection Specifications - GPA



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About

A grade point average (GPA) is a calculated average of the letter grades earned in school following a 0 to 4.0 or 5.0 scale. Students receive a GPA based on the grades earned in all classes during each term offered in the district/school.

Requirements

The GPA data submission is a required collection for students enrolled in grades 6 through 12 for the 2013-14 school year. This data collection should be submitted to RIDE as terms in your district/school end.

Changes for 2014-15 School Year

There are no changes for the 2014-15 school year.

Submission Process

GPA data can be submitted through eRIDE (www.eride.ri.gov) using the Enrollment Census application or through the Automated Data Transfer (ADT) agent.

GPA is a submission type within the Enrollment Census application.

Data Elements

FieldName	FieldNameLong	FieldType	FieldLength	Required	ElementDescription
DISTCODE	State Assigned District ID	TEXT	2	Y	The identifier assigned to a local education agency (LEA) by the State Education Agency (SEA). Also known as the State ID.
SCHCODE	State Assigned School ID	TEXT	5	Y	State Assigned School Code
TERMCODE	Term Code	TEXT	10	Y	Code used to identify the term.
SASID	State Assigned Student Identifier	TEXT	10	Y	A 10-digit unique numeric ID assigned to each student in R.I. by the State.
LASID	Locally Assigned Student Identifier	TEXT	16	Y	Unique student ID assigned by LEA or school.
GPAWEIGHTED	Numeric weighted GPA Earned For The Term	DECIMAL	5	C	Numeric weighted GPA the student earned for a specific term.
GPAUNWEIGHTED	Numeric unweighted GPA Earned For The Term	DECIMAL	5	C	Numeric unweighted GPA the student earned for a specific term.

Acceptable Values for TERMCODE

S1	Semester 1	Semester 1 of a school year that is divided into 2 terms
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S2	Semester 2	Semester 2 of a school year that is divided into 2 terms
T1	Trimester 1	Trimester 1 of a school year that is divided into 3 terms
T2	Trimester 2	Trimester 2 of a school year that is divided into 3 terms
T3	Trimester 3	Trimester 3 of a school year that is divided into 3 terms
Q1	Quarter 1	Quarter 1 of a school year that is divided into 4 terms
Q2	Quarter 2	Quarter 2 of a school year that is divided into 4 terms
Q3	Quarter 3	Quarter 3 of a school year that is divided into 4 terms
Q4	Quarter 4	Quarter 4 of a school year that is divided into 4 terms
M1	Term 1 (1 of 5)	Term 1 of a school year that is divided into 5 terms
M2	Term 2 (2 of 5)	Term 2 of a school year that is divided into 5 terms
M3	Term 3 (3 of 5)	Term 3 of a school year that is divided into 5 terms
M4	Term 4 (4 of 5)	Term 4 of a school year that is divided into 5 terms
M5	Term 5 (5 of 5)	Term 5 of a school year that is divided into 5 terms
Y1	Year	Year-long course
FY	Full Year	Full Year Course
SUM	Summer Term	Summer Term
MNC3	Multiple Non-consecutive Trimesters	Multiple Non-consecutive Trimesters
MNC4	Multiple Non-consecutive Quarters	Multiple Non-consecutive Quarters
MNC5	Multiple Non-consecutive Quinesters	Multiple Non-consecutive Quinesters
MT	Multi Term	Multi Term

Validations

DISTCODE – This field must be a valid LEA in the RIDE master directory and must also be the district associated with the user that is submitting the data.

SCHCODE – This field must be a valid school in the RIDE master directory and must also be a school within the *DISTCODE*.

SASID – This field must be a valid student id in the RIDE student master directory.

DISTCODE/SCHCODE/TERMCODE/SASID – A student can have only 1 GPA per term in a school. The combination of *DISTCODE*, *SCHCODE*, *TERMCODE* and *SASID* must be unique.

GPAWEIGHTED – This field must be a valid decimal between 0 and 5.0.

GPAUNWEIGHTED – This field must be a valid decimal between 0 and 5.0.

GPAWEIGHTED / GPAUNWEIGHTED – Either GPAWEIGHTED or GPAUNWEIGHTED are required.